

CITY OF TWO RIVERS
RESOLUTION ADJUSTING THE WATER UTILITY
PROPERTY TAX EQUIVALENT

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Public Service Commission (PSC) regulations permit municipal utilities to make an annual “property tax equivalent” payment to their municipality’s general fund and this is a common practice in most Wisconsin cities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Two Rivers has since 2003 kept the property tax payment made by its Water Utility frozen at \$145,426; and

WHEREAS, this “freeze” was first authorized by City Council resolution in 2003, based on the utility’s 2002 PSC report, and a 2017 resolution affirmed the same property tax equivalent until the City Council takes further action; and

WHEREAS, the City is within its discretionary authority to set the amount of the property tax equivalent, as long as it does not exceed the calculated Public Service Commission property tax equivalent, which is presently \$337,714; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 Budget of the City of Two Rivers was approved by City Council on December 6, 2021 and included as General Fund revenue a property tax equivalent payment of \$245,246, based on the recommendation of the City Manager and the City Council Finance Committee and Utilities Committee; and

WHEREAS, this increase in the utility’s property tax equivalent is appropriate, based on the significantly improved financial condition of the Water Utility and the funding needs of the City’s General Fund and needs to be approved by a separate Council resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Two Rivers hereby adjusts the Water Utility’s annual property tax equivalent payment to \$245,246 or the PSC calculated amount, whichever is less; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the amount of said tax equivalent payment shall remain “frozen” at said level until such time as the City Council takes further action.

Adopted this 7th day of March 2022.

Councilmember

Gregory E. Buckley
City Manager